CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	The Modern Girl's Guide To Safe Sex
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1400244.000
Medium:	Book
Author:	Kaz Cooke
Publisher:	McPhee Gribble Publishers
Country of origin:	Australia
Language:	English
Applicant:	Auckland Council
Classification:	Unrestricted.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	25 May 2015
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

'The Modern Girl's Guide To Safe Sex' was submitted by Auckland City Libraries for reconsideration of its classification. The book was published in 1988. In 1989 the Indecent Publications Tribunal classified the book as indecent in the hands of persons under the age of 16 years.

The Classification Office considers that the above classification is no longer appropriate, and the book is therefore classified as unrestricted.

The book is a humorous safer sex education guide. It focuses on how to avoid sexually transmitted diseases, and to a lesser extent pregnancy. The key message is to use condoms. The sexual content is matter-of-fact and comical rather than titillatory or explicit. The book is aimed at sexually active young women, and despite being somewhat dated still has some relevance and educational value to this group. The book is not a sex instruction manual. The unrestricted availability of the publication is unlikely to be injurious to the public good. Although children are

not the intended audience, they are unlikely to be harmed by exposure to the content.

This classification does not interfere with the right to freedom of expression in terms of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.